

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-10, 17-18, and 21-30 are pending in the application after this amendment. In the following sections of the Amendment the rejections set forth by the Examiner in the May 25, 2005 Office action are addressed.

The Examiner has indicated that previously pending claims 6, 9, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the elements of claim 6 (and intervening claim 5), and has cancelled claims 5 and 6. Applicant has amended claim 9 to put it in independent format. New claims 21-27 (which incorporate subject matter of original claims 2-8) depend on claim 9 and should be allowable for the same reasons as well as for the additional elements contained therein. Applicant has amended claim 17 to incorporate the elements of claim 20 (and intervening claim 19), and has cancelled claims 19 and 20. New claims 28-30 (which incorporate subject matter of original claims 8-10) depend on claim 17 and should be allowable for the same reasons as well as for the additional elements contained therein.

Applicant has made these amendments for the purpose of furthering prosecution, but specifically reserves the right to file continuation applications.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to reexamine the application, to allow the claims, and to pass the application on promptly to issue.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2115 for any additional fees that may be required.

Respectfully submitted,



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